

I strongly oppose further consolidation of media ownership. As it stands, ownership already is too narrow. The control of public discourse, and therefore, public opinion, is a to be safeguarded, not sold to highest bidders; the best way to safeguard it is to ensure that as broad a spectrum of the public may meaningfully participate. Complaining to a huge corporation is no safeguard. Ownership opportunities need to be diverse and representative to best serve the public. Do not foster the stifling of public debate by allowing the further concentration of media ownership; instead just the opposite is needed. I urge you to vote to retain the current rules at this juncture and to diversify media ownership in the future.